GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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SPECIAL GRANTS TO STATES
M. JAGANNATH

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are consider to give special funds to Punjab to formulate a plan to check the imbalance in sex ratio due to rising female foeticide in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the States to whom such grants are proposed to be given for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) In order to check female foeticide, the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation Prevention and Misuse) Act, 1994, was enacted and brought into operation from 1st January, 1996. Child sex ratio (i.e. number of girls per thousand boys) in the age group of 0 to 6 years is 793 in Punjab, which is the lowest in the country. An amount of Rs. 8,00,000/- was released to Government of Punjab during 2001-2002 and Rs. 15 lakhs during 2002-2003 for publicity under the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994. Further, for effective monitoring of the implementation of the provisions of the Act and maintenance of records etc., a proposal was received from the State Government of Punjab for developing Application Software.Rs. 7,00,000/- has been sanctioned to them for this purpose.

(c): For publicity under the said Act during 2002-2003, funds have been sanctioned to Gujarat (Rs. 15 lakh), Haryana (Rs. 15 lakh), Himachal Pradesh (Rs. 11 lakh), Maharashtra (Rs. 15 lakh), Rajasthan (Rs. 15 lakh), Uttaranchal (Rs. 10 lakh), Uttar Pradesh (Rs. 20 lakh), Chandigarh (Rs. 5 lakh), Daman & Diu (Rs. 5 lakh) and Delhi (Rs. 15 lakh).